Violation of guidelines for Rural Development Schemes

1491. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that States are not strictly following Central guidelines about rural development schemes funded by it;

(b) if so, the reasosn therefor;

(c) which are the first five States defaulting in this regard; and

(d) the action initiated or proposed by Central Government

against those States?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) to (d) The guidelines about rural development schemes issued by the Union Government are generally followed by all States. However, a few instances of violation of these guidelines in a few States have been brought to the notice of the Ministry. These cases have been referred to the State Governments concerned, for inquiry and corrective action.

Misappropriation of Funds of Rural Development Schemes

1492. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether specific cases of misappropriation of funds and mismanagement of rural development schemes have come to notice of Government;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether benefits of poverty alleviation schemes is going to best among the poors;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the step taken for rectifying it?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Such cases of misappropriation are referred to the State Governments concerned, for taking appropriate action as States are responsible for implementation of the programmes at grass-ros level.